

Special Recruitment: Psychologists and Psychiatrists SVP Evaluators

The Department of Mental Health (DMH), Sex Offender Commitment Program (SOCP), is recruiting for licensed, experienced psychologists and psychiatrists to conduct Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) evaluations of inmates within the California prison system.

The purpose of conducting the SVP evaluations is to determine if, according to Welfare and Institutions Code 6600, et seq., inmates who meet the SVP criteria should be petitioned for civil commitment to the state mental hospitals for treatment. This section is commonly referred to as the SVP law.

The SOCP, which administers the SVP law, is seeking qualified psychologists and psychiatrists who demonstrate the capacity for doing evaluations according to DMH-SVP protocol and with minimal supervision. The DMH-SVP protocol calls for evaluations that are clinically and legally sound, accurate, fact based, and well focused on those specific issues that are framed by the language of the SVP law.

As cases go to trial, the incumbent will be required to testify in court proceedings as an expert witness when subpoenaed by the District Attorney or defense counsel.

If you are interested in working with DMH please call or write for additional information:

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